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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEGUCIGALPA 4293

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SUBJ: VISIT OF COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. HONDURAN DAILIES GAVE FRONT PAGE TREATMENT SEPTEMBER 7 TO PREVIOUS DAY'S QUICK TEGUCIGALPA VISIT BY COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER RAFAEL ANGEL CALDERON FOURNIER. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS YET APPEARED.

2. CALDERON QUOTED AS DESCRIBING VISIT AS ORDERED BY PRESIDENT RODRIGO CARAZO ODIO TO PRESENT TO THE LEADERS OF HONDURAS (AND, LATER, EL SALVADOR AND GUATEMALA) SOME IDEAS THAT MIGHT "CON-TRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF THE POLITICAL CRISIS" IN NICARAGUA. HE CONTINUED "A JOINT CENTRAL AMERICAN ACTION WOULD BE ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO HELP SOLVE THE NICARAGUAN CRISIS AT THIS TIME." HE PROPOSED A SUMMIT MEETING OF THE FIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN REP-UBLICS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT COSTA RICAN PROPOSAL WAS NOT INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE VENEZUELAN OAS INITIATIVE. HE SAID THE HONDURAN MILITARY JUNTA, WITH WHICH HE MET THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 6, HAD PROMISED TO STUDY THE PROPOSALS AND REPLY IN A FEW DAYS.

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3. HONDURAN FOREIGN MINISTER ROBERTO PALMA GALVEZ, RESPONDING TO THE VISIT OF HIS COSTA RICAN COUNTERPART, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "THE PROBLEMS OF CENTRAL AMERICA WOULD BE BETTER RESOLVED IN THE AREA." HE SAID THE VISIT WAS MADE WITH THE PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF SOMOZA. PALMA INDICATED THAT, IF A SUMMIT MEETING WERE HELD, ALL THREE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY JUNTA WOULD REPRESENT HONDURAS. HE

AGREED WITH CALDERON THAT THE COSTA RICAN INITIATIVE WAS NOT INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.

4. AN AFP DESPATCH DATED SEPTEMBER 6 FROM SAN JOSE QUOTED CALDERON AS HAVING FOUND "A GOOD ATMOSPHERE IN HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR (HIS SECOND STOP) TO LOOK FOR SOME KIND OF MEDIATION IN THE CASE OF NICARAGUA."

5. COMMENT: EXPECT HONDURAS TO BE REPRESENTED AT SUMMIT IF COSTA RICAN INITIATIVE WELL RECEIVED IN SAN SALVADOR, GUATEMALA AND, PARTICULARLY, MANAGUA. DESPITE PALMA'S PRESS COMMENT, THE PROBLEM OF SHOE-HORNING THREE JUNTA MEMBERS INTO HONDURAS' SUMMIT CHAIR WOULD MOST LIKELY BE RESOLVED BY LEAVING JUNIOR MEMBERS HOME. WHILE GOH HAS REPORTEDLY NOT YET FORMALLY REPLIED TO INITIATIVE, IT CONTINUES TO BE EXTREMELY CONCERNED OVER NICARAGUAN DEVELOPMENTS.  
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